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CHURCH MANUAL, 1875.

Pastor :

Rev. J. A. R. DICKSON, 41 Alexander Street.

Deacons :

Mr. GEORGE HAGUE, Deer Park.
Mr. WILLIAM W. COPP, Isabella Street.
Mr. CHARLES PAGE, Stanley Crescent.
Mr. HENRY J. CLARK, Sherbourne Street.
Mr. GEORGE THOMAS, Gloucester Street.
Mr. WILLIAM REVELL, Walton Street.
Mr. EDWARD BACH, Grosvenor Street.

Church Secretary—Mr. WILLIAM REVELL.

Church Treasurer—Mr. W. W. COPP.

Trustees :

Messrs. G. HAGUE, W. W. COPP, C. PAGE,
H. J. CLARK, G. THOMAS.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE :

Messrs. H. L. THOMPSON, E. J. JOSELIN, T. WEBB,
C. J. PAGE, J. CHRISTIE, C. JOSELIN.

J. C. COPP, *Chairman*.

GEO. W. HODGETTS, *Secretary*.

PENNY-A-WEEK SUBSCRIPTION :

Mrs. A. N. BUELL, *Treasurer.*

FELLOWSHIP FUND :

Mr. GEORGE THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

BUILDING FUND :

Mr. GEORGE HAGUE, *Treasurer.*

CHURCH SERVICES :

Lord's Day. Young Men's Prayer Meeting at 10 o'clock
a.m. Public Service at 11 o'clock a.m., and at 7
o'clock p.m. Sunday School at 3 o'clock p.m.

Weekly Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening, at
7.30, from 1st September till 1st May; and 8 o'clock
from 1st May till 1st September.

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PASTOR'S REPORT.

By the good hand of the Lord upon us we have been enabled as a Church of Christ to walk together in the fellowship of the Gospel through another year. And it is with joy and thanksgiving that we meet to-night to recount his goodness and to render to him the praise—to whom alone all praise belongs.

The past year has been one of unbroken peace in our brotherhood, and of marked progress in our Church life. Peace has dwelt within our walls, and prosperity has been enjoyed within our palaces. The spirit of love and brotherly kindness has abounded. The family feeling of the Church, on which so much depends, has received a large development. There may be increase of membership, and no increase of strength; there may be enlarged contributions to Church funds, and no real growth; but there cannot be an increase of spiritual power, which ever has as its manifestations love, kindness, sympathy, desire to do good as the Master did, without there being progress—progress of the highest and best kind. And this kind of progress we have had in a large degree, for which, I am sure, we are all deeply grateful to-night.

It has been a source of great encouragement to me to learn that the Ministry of the Word has been attended with blessing to many hearts. The attendance upon all the services of the Church has been good. During the winter there was much sickness among the families of our fellowship, and the places of many were therefore empty. Against this no provision can be made. But we feel more and more that the presence of every member at all the services of public worship is an important source of strength and influence—shall we say, of great influ-

ence ! We trust that every one will realize this, that we may not forsake "the assembling of ourselves together."
—Heb. x. 25.

The weekly prayer meeting has been well sustained all through the year. Let us all sacredly set aside the Wednesday night for united public prayer and conference, and thus make for ourselves a Sabbath in the middle of the week.

The Pastor's Bible Class has also been well attended, and has been to him a very profitable and delightful work. The monthly Communion of the Church has been a fountain of joy and strength to all the members, who have with notable fidelity met together, with very few exceptions, on these occasions.

During the year, twenty-nine have been added to our membership, all, excepting two, on profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. One has gone to be with Christ, four have received letters of transference, and one has been excommunicated. Our membership at this time is one hundred and eighty. I would remember to-night with feelings of deep gratitude the many kind acts of the Church and congregation to me and my family during the year ; these, together with the cordial coöperation and sympathy I have had in Christian work, has rendered the past year one of the happiest years of my ministry.

I look forward to this year with anticipations of great blessing upon our fellowship, through our united faith and prayer and work for the Lord.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

JAMES A. R. DICKSON,
Pastor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is a cause for devout gratitude, that from the 28 persons who in 1868 banded themselves together as the nucleus of this Church, we have so many still amongst us. It is also a matter for thankfulness and encouragement that the Lord has blest the efforts of his servants here by adding to the Church. In its history we do not find any sudden increase, but rather a steady growth. In 1871, when Mr. Dickson commenced his pastorate amongst you, the Church numbered 119. It has been subject to all the changes incident to church life in this country, where population is to a certain extent migratory. Many have been removed from us to distant parts, and some, by death, have joined the Church above; it therefore became necessary to revise the Church Roll, that we might know who are now in fellowship with us. At our last Church meeting 21 names were submitted to the Church for erasure. They were chiefly names of members who had long ago left the city and never communicated with the Church as to their whereabouts or intentions.

There are now on the Church Roll 181 members, and it is gratifying to know that of this number 125 have united with us during the ministry of our present pastor. It is also a source of pleasure, that on our Roll we have 23 scholars and several teachers from our Sunday Schools.

Since May last, there have been admitted to fellowship 27 on profession of faith and two by letters of transfer, making a total of 29. During the same period four have received letters of dismissal to other Churches; one has been removed by death, and by excision and erasure 22 have been taken from the Church Roll.

In June last, it being thought desirable to fill the vacancies in the Diaconate caused by the removal of the Rev. Arthur Wickson, LL.D., and Mr. George Goulding, the Church elected Messrs. Edward Bach and William Revell to that service.

WILLIAM REVELL, *Secretary.*

STATEMENT OF "PENNY-A-WEEK" SUBSCRIPTION.

Before the close of the year 1874, Mrs. Buell was urged to make an effort to have the subscriptions increased. A meeting was called for the purpose. A list of Church members was obtained. More collectors were engaged with a view of reaching every member of the Church, which, as far as possible, she believes has been done. The result cannot be realized until the next anniversary, when she hopes that a larger sum will be paid over through the efforts of the ladies who so earnestly take up this work, and to whom many thanks are due. The amount collected for the past year was \$95.03, which has been paid over by her to Mr. Hague, the Treasurer. The following is a statement of the amounts collected by the different collectors, making up the above sum paid over:—

Miss Howe	\$26 85
“ Gearing	17 75
“ Page	17 73
Mrs. Hodgetts	17 49
Miss Winsor	12 01
“ Thompson	2 35
“ Copp	0 85
Total	\$95 03

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. BUELL,
Treasurer.

Toronto, 12th May, 1875.

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STATEMENT OF FELLOWSHIP FUND, ENDING MAY 12TH, 1875.

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	\$ c.		\$ c.
To balance from last statement,	24 38	By Disbursements,	109 01
Jan. 20th, 1874.		" Balance	22 26
" Collections from Feb., 1874,	106 89		
to May, 1875, inclusive..			
	<u>131 27</u>		<u>131 27</u>

Respectfully submitted.

G. E. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

*Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Northern
Congregational Church, Toronto, from the 1st of
May, 1874, to the 30th of April, 1875.*

RECEIPTS.

			\$	c.
1874.				
May	31	To Cash, Weekly Offerings and Subscriptions	333	27
June	28	" " " " " "	139	54
July	31	" " " " " "	159	44
Aug.	30	" " " " " "	136	60
Sept.	30	" " " " " "	103	74
Oct.	31	" " " " " "	174	23
Nov.	30	" " " " " "	156	60
Dec.	31	" " " " " "	122	82
1875.				
		" Young People's Association.	6	13
Jan.	31	" Weekly Offerings.....	248	65
Feb.	28	" " " " " "	128	34
Mar.	31	" " " " " "	189	58
April	30	" " " " " "	202	91
			<u>\$2,101</u>	<u>85</u>

EXPENDITURE.

			\$	c.
1875.				
April	30	By Cash paid Pastor's Stipend.....	1,200	00
		" " Caretaker, Cutting Wood, &c..	75	50
		" " Interest on Mortgage	208	00
		" " Fuel	72	20
		" " Gas	79	27
		" " Insurance.....	44	75
		" " Work at Stoves	4	35
		" " Carpets	7	67
		" " Crockery	12	60
		" " Expenses of Union	25	00
		" " Printing and Advertising.....	30	20
		" " Disbursed by Aux. Com.....	22	40
		" " Repairing Windows	3	15
		" Balance.....	316	76
			<u>\$2,101</u>	<u>85</u>

GENERAL STATEMENT OF BUILDING FUND.

To Sundry payments on account of alterations to Church and School.....\$2,204 62 " Balance on hand 202 25 <u>\$2,406 87</u>	Sept., 1874 By Balance on hand \$412 60 " Total amount raised by the School towards alterations.. 862 10 " Amount borrowed from Bank of Toronto on Notes 900 00 " Receipts since alterations were completed..... 232 17 <u>\$2,406 87</u>
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May, 1875.—By Balance on hand.. \$202 25

The debts of the Fund were as follows:—

Mortgage on Church—Balance due Mr. J. Wickson	\$2,600 00
Bank of Toronto—Amount borrowed on Notes, on account School...	900 00
Bank of Toronto—Amount borrowed on Note, on account new Organ	181 00
	<u>\$3,681 00</u>

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Auxiliary Committee beg to submit the following report :

It is now two years since the Committee was appointed. They have had under their charge the care of the Church building and its preparation for Divine Worship, the welcoming of strangers who have visited our services, and the collection of the weekly subscriptions, and collections for the maintenance of the Word as proclaimed in this place of worship.

Your Committee has thoroughly canvassed the Church for increased subscriptions, with encouraging results.

Collections and subscriptions for first quarter in 1875, \$514.23, or an increase of \$83.46 over that of the corresponding quarter in 1874.

Your Committee would urge upon the Church the necessity of keeping up their subscriptions, as without the necessary funds to meet current expenses the work cannot be properly maintained ; nor can we look for that measure of prosperity or success that should follow all Church work.

“ Upon the first day of the week let every one of you ay by him in store, as God hath prospered .him.”—1. lCor. xvi, 2.

At the annual meeting of the Church in January, 1874, your Committee, through its Chairman, made an appeal to the Church and congregation to pay off the then existing current expense debt, when donations to the amount of \$318 were promised. Of that amount \$264.30 has been paid over to the Church Treasurer, and \$54 still remains unpaid.

At the same meeting an appeal was made on behalf of the William Street (Yorkville) Sabbath School, and \$100 was promised towards its debt.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT,

12TH MAY, 1875.

The Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School, in presenting their Annual Report to the Church, would express their deep thankfulness to Almighty God for the blessing that has rested upon their labours during the past year. The attendance has been large and regular, the school was never more orderly, and, above all, several have been led to a saving knowledge of the truth in Christ Jesus.

For some two or three years past we had been feeling the necessity of enlarging our borders. The space that we could give to the classes was too confined for proper teaching, and on all special occasions numbers had to go away unable to obtain admission. Encouraged by the result of the Bazaar held in Shaftesbury Hall during the early part of December, 1873, we determined early in the past year to "arise and build." After careful consideration, it was thought better, on the whole, to close the School during the alterations—a necessity we regretted, and which, we have no doubt, lost us some scholars; but the alternative—to meet in the Church—was felt to be very undesirable. We were able to resume our meetings on the second Sunday in August, to the great joy alike of teachers and scholars, and our opening hymn of praise that day rose from many earnest and loving hearts. Of the room, as now completed, we need say but little; you are witnesses of its appearance and adaptation. There have been added to the length of the building about thirty-five feet—a portion in front and a portion in the rear; the infant class room has been placed in a line with the Bible class rooms; and the general appearance is so pleasing that it has been pronounced by

several Ministers and Sunday School men one of the best Sunday School rooms in the city. We should be glad to speak as satisfactorily of the financial part of the work, but that has very far exceeded our original limit. The necessity of substituting brick for rough-cast in the rear, the painting of the front of the Church, and other unforeseen expenses, have swelled the amount, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report, to more than \$2,200. Of this sum \$900 has been borrowed, which we have undertaken to clear off in two years ; the School to raise \$100 per year, the young ladies \$100, the young men \$100, while it is expected that the penny a week subscription will give the balance.

Of the spiritual building, while it is not so easy to speak positively, we have great reason for thankfulness ; our work is foundation work ; we endeavour to dig down and lay deep the precious truths of God's Holy Word, and we believe that in many hearts it will prove the foundation of lives of Christian faith and usefulness ; and beyond this, we have been cheered during the past year by several instances of decision for Christ in the School. Thirteen have been added to our own Church, built up as living stones, into the living, growing temple, of which Jesus Christ is at once the corner stone and the top stone. We thank God and take courage.

Our School continues, as it has been from the first, a platform of Catholic unity and labour. In addition to the fact that the parents of many of our scholars belong to other denominations, we have on our staff of teachers a member of the Baptist Church, of the English Church, and of the Methodist Church, while two members of our Mother Church, Zion, continue to give us their valuable aid ; one of these, Mrs. Higgins, in the post she has so well filled for many years, teacher of the infant class. In consequence of the delicate health and frequent absence of our old and tried teacher, Miss Copp, it was thought well to reorganize the class of young ladies she had taught, and make it a mixed Bible class. This was

done, and Mr. Revell has taken charge of it with much acceptance and success.

The Officers and Teachers for the present year are :—

Superintendent—Mr. H. J. CLARK.

Secretary—Mr. JAMES CHRISTIE.

Treasurer—Mr. G. W. HODGETTS.

Librarians—Messrs. JOSIAH PAGE and W. GOULDING.

Teacher of Bible Class—Mr. REVELL.

Teacher of Infant Class—Mrs. HIGGINS.

Teachers of the Boys' Classes :

Mr. DYSON HAGUE,
 " ALFRED HAYNES,
 " G. W. HODGETTS,
 " ERASTUS SNARR,
 " H. L. THOMPSON,
 " T. WEBB,
 Miss EMERY,
 " WINSOR.

Teachers of the Girls' Classes :

Mrs. ANDERSON,
 Miss E. COPP,
 " M. GEARING,
 " H. HOW,
 " LOCKINGTON,
 " LEWIS,
 " MCCORD,
 Mrs. PRITCHARD,
 Miss ROBERTS,
 " E. ROBERTS,
 " SIMS,
 " THOMPSON,
 " WILLIAMSON,
 " WILSON.

Roll, 249 ; Attendance, 201.

During the year we have been called to mourn the loss of one of our dear scholars, Eliza Winsor, who, after a long, protracted illness, fell asleep in Jesus on the 24th of January. We shall meet again in the land where the inhabitants shall no more say, "I am sick," and where death alone shall die.

We continue to hold a prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7.30, which is generally well attended, and a large amount of interest manifested in it by the scholars. We have also a study meeting for teachers after the close of the prayer meeting.

We commend our work to the affection and prayers of the Church.

HENRY J. CLARK,

Superintendent.

TRACT REPORT.

In giving a report of our Tract Work, we feel that we cannot speak as favourably as we would wish ; nevertheless we have reached some thousands of persons with an offer of a free salvation through a once crucified but now risen Saviour.

Several of the lady distributors dropped their work during the past winter. In some instances this was caused by sickness, and in others by the unusual severity of the weather ; but we trust that they will soon be able to resume their visits. We have loaned during the past year 7,300 tracts, and given away 7,900 ; the latter have in part been distributed by other agencies than that of our own Church.

Our prayer is, that this may be a fruitful year, wherein many souls shall be brought to Jesus, and that we who are tract distributors may know this same Saviour of whom these tracts speak, and at all times look up to him in faith.

C. PAGE,
Chairman.

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Alphabetical List of Members.

(Corrected up to June, 1875.)

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Sept. '68	Anderson, Rosina.....	45 Alexander Street
June '69	Ashdown, —.....	29 Maitland Street
Feb. '68	Bach, Emily.....	9 Grosvenor Street
Feb. '68	Bach, Edward.....	9 Grosvenor Street
Jan. '68	Baker, Rev. Theo.	Hamilton
Jan. '68	Baker, Mary J.	Hamilton
Sept. '69	Binstead, John.....	331 Yonge Street
Dec. '68	Binstead, Emma.....	331 Yonge Street
July '73	Binstead, John, jun.	16 Davenport Place
July '73	Binstead, Thomas.....	331 Yonge Street
July '73	Binstead, Jessie.....	331 Yonge Street
Feb. '73	Braiser, Thomas.....	92 Hayter Street
Nov. '72	Braiser, Mary.....	92 Hayter Street
April '68	Brimer, Mary A.	93 Bond Street
Jan. '68	Buch, Ann E.	74 Carleton Street
April '74	Burnside, John T. M. ..	38 Alexander Street
April '74	Burnside, Mary E.....	38 Alexander Street
April '74	Burnside, Janet.....	38 Alexander Street
Jan. '72	Bartram, Robt. J.....	
June '69	Campbell, Jessie.....	90 Wood Street
June '68	Campbell, Jessie.....	90 Wood Street
Mar. '75	Campbell, Bella.....	90 Wood Street
Nov. '71	Christie, James	55 Maitland Street
Nov. '71	Christie, Sarah	55 Maitland Street
Oct. '73	Charters, John.....	Seaton Village
Mar. '69	Charters, Margaret	Seaton Village

ALPHABETICAL LIST.—(Continued.)

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Mar. '75	Charters, Maggie	Seaton Village
Feb. '74	Charters, John, jun.	469 Yonge Street
Feb. '74	Charters, Elizabeth	469 Yonge Street
Jan. '68	Clark, Henry J.	Sherbourne Street
June '68	Clark, Maria	Sherbourne Street
July '73	Cobb, George	331 Yonge Street
Jan. '68	Copp, Wm. W.	76 Isabella Street
Jan. '68	Copp, Caroline	76 Isabella Street
Nov. '70	Copp, Ethel	76 Isabella Street
Oct. '74	Copp, Rowena	76 Isabella Street
Jan. '68	Copp, Margaret M.	Carleton Street
Jan. '68	Copp, John Charles	65 Grosvenor Street
Jan. '68	Copp, Mary	65 Grosvenor Street
Feb. '68	Copp, Sarah	12 Alexander Street
Feb. '69	Cowper, Ida	Tonawanda, N. Y.
May '73	Coleman, Catherine	362 Church Street
May '73	Coleman, Jennie	362 Church Street
June '75	Cooper, Joseph	387 Jarvis Street
May '71	Dickson, J. A. R. (<i>Pastor</i>)	41 Alexander Street
Nov. '71	Dickson, Isabella E.	41 Alexander Street
July '68	Downing, Sarah	Charles Street East
Feb. '69	Evans, Miss	
Jan. '68	Gray, Carrie	139 Bleeker Street
Sept. '71	Graham, Sarah	228 Terauley Street
Aug. '72	Gearing, John.	James Street
Aug. '72	Gearing, Elizabeth	James Street
Oct. '73	Gearing, Mary.	James Street
April '75	Gould, Eleanor	387 Church Street
Jan. '72	Grand, J. C.	
Jan. '72	Grand, Margaret	
Jan. '68	Hague, George.	Queen's Park
Jan. '68	Hague, Sarah	Queen's Park
July '73	Hague, Dyson	Queen's Park

ALPHABETICAL LIST.—(Continued.)

CE.	DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
age	Dec. '74	Hague, George Edward	Queen's Park
Street	Nov. '71	Hames, Arthur	502 Yonge Street
Street	Nov. '71	Haines, Sarah	502 Yonge Street
Street	July '73	Haines, Alfred	502 Yonge Street
Street	May '73	Hart, William	Seaton Village
Street	Dec. '68	Hart, Isabella	Seaton Village
Street	Jan. '72	Harthill, W. B.	241 Yonge Street
Street	May '73	Hiscocks, Joseph	Davenport Road
Street	April '68	Hiscocks, Mary	Davenport Road
Street	June '68	Hodgetts, George	285 Yonge Street
reet	Feb. '69	Hodgetts, Susan	285 Yonge Street
r Street	Sept. '68	Hodgetts, Thomas	285 Yonge Street
r Street	July '68	Hodgetts, George W. ..	Bloor Street
r Street	Feb. '68	Hodgetts, Jessie	Bloor Street
N. Y.	Aug. '71	How, Thomas F.	428 Church Street
Street	July '71	How, Catherine	428 Church Street
Street	Oct. '68	How, Hessie	428 Church Street
reet	Aug. '71	How, Sarah	428 Church Street
r Street	July '73	How, Thomas	428 Church Street
r Street	April '73	James, Silas	521 Church Street
et East	April '73	James, Jane S.	521 Church Street
Street	Jan. '68	Joselin, Edward J.	39 Charles Street
y Street	Feb. '73	Joselin, Elizabeth	39 Charles Street
	Jan. '68	Joselin, Henry	East Street
	Jan. '68	Joselin, Elizabeth	East Street
	June '69	Joselin, Charles	139 Bleeker Street
Street	April '69	Knight, Mary	North St., Yorkville
	Mar. '69	Knight, Eliza	North St., Yorkville
	Oct. '68	Laidlaw, John	57 Maitland Street
	Oct. '68	Laidlaw, Catherine A. .	57 Maitland Street
	Dec. '74	Laidlaw, Maggie	57 Maitland Street
	Dec. '74	Laidlaw, Catherine	57 Maitland Street
	Jan. '74	Lockington, Elizabeth J.	241 Yonge Street

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DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Dec. '74	Martin, Emma	302 Yonge Street
Feb. '73	Merritt, Julia	41 Edward Street
Feb. '68	Muir, William	75 Carleton Street
Feb. '68	Muir, Ann	75 Carleton Street
May '73	McIntosh, Ann	347 Church Street
June '75	McIntosh, Ada	347 Church Street
April '68	McKinlay, Archibald ..	94 Gloucester Street
April '69	Nichols, Benjamin	13 Maitland Street
Sept. '69	Nichols, Kate	13 Maitland Street
Jan. '68	Page, Charles	Stanley Crescent
Jan. '68	Page, Harriet	Stanley Crescent
Jan. '68	Page, Elizabeth H	Stanley Crescent
April '70	Page, Charles John	101 Alexander Street
Nov. '71	Page, Sarah	101 Alexander Street
Dec. '74	Page, John	Stanley Crescent
Dec. '74	Page, William	Stanley Crescent
Dec. '74	Page, Alfred	Stanley Crescent
April '68	Parker, Emma L.	485 Yonge Street
Mar. '75	Passmore, Maria L.	56 Wood Street
Jan. '74	Peacock, Frederick W.	Yorkville
Jan. '74	Peacock, Susanna	Yorkville
Aug. '71	Phillimore, Chas	Charles Street East
Aug. '71	Phillimore, Maria	Charles Street East
Jan. '68	Pim, Henry	485 Yonge Street
Jan. '68	Pim, Jane	485 Yonge Street
Mar. '75	Pitman, Sarah Ann	92 Hayter Street
Sept. '71	Prince, Mrs.	Cleveland, O.
Mar. '69	Philips, Mary	Caerhowell Street
Sept. '74	Rennie, James	272½ Sherbourne St.
Sept. '74	Rennie, Elizabeth	272½ Sherbourne St.
May '72	Revell, William	56 Walton Street
May '72	Revell, Katherine	56 Walton Street
April '68	Richardson, George	Carleton Street

ALPHABETICAL LIST.—(Continued.)

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Dec. '70	Roberts, Samuel E	541 Carleton Street
Dec. '70	Roberts, Margaret S. . .	541 Carleton Street
Aug. '71	Roberts, Margaret E. . .	541 Carleton Street
July '73	Roberts, Alfred	541 Carleton Street
Oct. '74	Roberts, Emily	541 Carleton Street
Sept. '74	Rodgers, Sarah	25 Gould Street
Aug. '71	Rowland, Emily	Wood Street
Feb. '74	Rowsell, Lavinia	25 Gould Street
Mar. '75	Rowsell, Lavinia	25 Gould Street
Dec. '69	Saunders, Elizabeth	Kingston Road
Nov. '71	Scholes, Susannah	517 Yonge Street
Dec. '74	Scholes, Elizabeth	517 Yonge Street
April '73	Scott, George	40 Yonge St., Yorkv.
April '73	Scott, Jane	40 Yonge St., Yorkv.
July '73	Scott, George, jun.	40 Yonge St., Yorkv.
Jan. '68	Sims, Elizabeth	Yonge St., Yorkville
June '68	Sims, Sarah	Yonge St., Yorkville
Jan. '74	Sims, Amelia	Yonge St., Yorkville
Jan. '74	Sims, Samuel	Yonge St., Yorkville
Feb. '69	Skaith, Clara Ann	56 Hayter Street
April '68	Skaith, Phoebe	56 Hayter Street
Mar. '69	Skaith, Sarah J.	54 Carleton Street
Mar. '69	Skaith, Sarah Jane	54 Carleton Street
July '73	Smith, John	Yonge St., Yorkville
Jan. '75	Smith, Henry	481 Church Street
Dec. '74	Smith, Charlotte B.	481 Church Street
Feb. '74	Southcombe, Mary A. . .	25 Gould Street
Aug. '71	Spiller, Mary A.	560 Yonge Street
June '75	Stamms, Louisa	Hayter Street
Jan. '68	Thomas, George E.	25 Alexander Street
Jan. '68	Thomas, Jean	25 Alexander Street
July '73	Thomas, Arnold	25 Alexander Street
Jan. '75	Thomas, Maud	25 Alexander Street

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ALPHABETICAL LIST.—(Continued.)

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
July '68	Thompson, Octavius ..	Charles Street East
July '68	Thompson, Phoebe	Charles Street East
July '73	Thompson, Jessie.....	Charles Street East
Sept. '68	Thompson, C. Emily ..	Charles Street East
Dec. '74	Thompson, Jennie ..	Charles Street East
July '68	Thompson, Henry L. ..	Charles Street East
Dec. '74	Tubby, Charles A.	George Street
Jan. '68	Thomas, Mrs. Mary....	25 Alexander Street
Nov. '71	Warriner, R. Charles ..	
Oct. '72	Warriner, Ellen	Montreal
Sept. '68	Webb, Tom	302 Yonge Street
Sept. '68	Webb, Alice	302 Yonge Street
Jan. '68	Wightman, Jane	— Bleeker Street
Nov. '71	Williamson, Alexander..	177 George Street
Nov. '71	Williamson, Margaret..	177 George Street
Nov. '71	Williamson, Annie	177 George Street
Nov. '71	Williamson, Katie	177 George Street
Feb. '73	Williamson, H. B. S...	177 George Street
Jan. '75	Williamson, Nina.....	177 George Street
Oct. '73	Wilson, Robert.....	61 Mutual Street
Oct. '73	Wilson, Fannie.....	61 Mutual Street
Mar. '75	Wilson, Lily	61 Mutual Street
Oct. '73	Wilson, Abbie	61 Mutual Street
Mar. '69	Winsor, Elizabeth	79 Carleton Street
Aug. '72	Winsor, Emma.....	79 Carleton Street
Dec. '74	Winsor, Georgina.....	79 Carleton Street
May '73	Wooderson, H. T.	74 Charles Street
May '73	Wooderson, Sarah A. ..	74 Charles Street
Aug. '72	Woodgate, Walter	
Aug. '72	Woodley, William	79 Carleton Street
June '69	Woodley, Elizabeth....	79 Carleton Street
Dec. '74	Yard, Hannah M.	111 Mutual Street
Dec. '74	Yard, Emma A.	111 Mutual Street

COUNSELS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS.

I.—AS TO PERSONAL RELIGION.

Diligently study the Word of God.

Have frequent intercourse with God in secret prayer.

Avoid all known sin, and even the very appearance of evil.

II.—AS TO FAMILY RELIGION.

Heads of Families.

Early dedicate your children to God.

“Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Raise an altar to God in your dwelling.

Exercise your authority to promote obedience to God.

Young Christians.

“Obey your parents in the Lord.”

“Flee youthful lusts.”

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.”

Employers.

In dealing with your servants, “forbear threatening,” and “render to them justice and equality.”

Remember “that their Master and yours is in Heaven, and that there is no respect of persons with Him.”

“Walk worthily of your high calling in Christ Jesus.”

Servants.

Let your service be performed conscientiously,
cheerfully, and faithfully.

"Do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto
men."

"Adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all
things."

III.—DUTIES TO THE CHURCH.

Love your fellow members as brethren.

"Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of
peace."

Attend regularly on the means of grace, and seek
to profit from them.

Zealously coöperate in the schemes of usefulness
undertaken by the Church.

Give liberally and cheerfully for the support of
religion and the spread of the Gospel.

Regulate your giving by what you owe to Christ,
and the ability which God gives you.

Fervently and habitually pray for your Pastor.

IV.—DUTIES TO THE WORLD.

"Be not conformed to this world."

"Let your light shine before men."

Do all you can for the spiritual good of your fel-
low men.

Follow those things which are true, honest, just,
pure, lovely, and of good report.

V.—PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of
God."

"Bring an offering and come into his courts."

Do not absent yourselves from paltry and insuffi-
cient reasons.

Be not satisfied with one service when you can
attend two.

Endeavour to be in your place a few minutes before the appointed hour.

Let nothing but unavoidable causes of delay detain you.

Spend a few moments before and after service in silent prayer.

Bear your part in the worship, mentally in prayer and vocally in praise.

Let your deportment throughout be grave as becometh worshippers.

Let there be no indecorum of haste either as you enter or leave God's house.

Be careful lest by frivolous words lightly spoken you may dissipate good impressions made on another's spirit.

Take heed lest by listening to trifling discourse you may obliterate your own good impressions.

VI.—WEEK NIGHT SERVICES.

I earnestly urge you to attend these services as a means of maintaining and promoting spiritual life.

JAS. A. R. DICKSON,
Pastor.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

IN the fall of the year 1858, Toronto was visited by some gentlemen from the States, Mr. WOODRUFF and others, who gave very interesting details of the work of planting Mission Schools and Churches in the spiritually destitute parts of the great cities of the neighbouring Republic. It was evident to some who heard them that we had the same evil to contend with here, if on a smaller scale; the same practical heathenism, and consequent immorality, and the same urgent call for active effort on the part of all who loved the Lord Jesus Christ. This was strongly impressed on the mind of a member of Zion Congregational Church, who at that time resided on Ann Street, a few hundred feet from the present Church building, and who had been much pained to see a number of children roaming about on the Lord's Day, no man caring for their souls, growing up in the practice of vice and crime. He consulted with three other members of Zion Church, and the result was that they determined to open a Mission School in the neighbourhood, and endeavour, by the blessing of God, to bring in these wanderers, teach them the saving truths of the gospel, and lead them to the Cross of Christ. Accordingly, the brick cottage, No. 311 Church Street, was rented, some necessary changes were made in it, and the School was opened on the 11th October, 1858. The attendance was not very large at first, but gradually grew until, at the expiration of two years, the house became too strait, and more room was urgently needed. One much more commodious than the first was obtained, which was entered upon on the 12th August, 1860. The number which had filled the former room appeared but few in the new one, and some even half doubted if it would ever

be filled, but the general feeling was one of devout gratitude and expectation of larger things. An increase was soon apparent, the average attendance grew steadily, rising from about 40 to 80. After about two years it was felt that the maximum of increase in that building had been reached, and those who were engaged in the enterprise began very earnestly to look for a larger building; this they failed in obtaining, and after much consideration it was resolved to erect a place specially for the purpose. It being, however, found difficult at that time to raise the funds for the purpose by subscription, the same kind friend to whom the undertaking owed—under the Divine blessing—its existence, offered to build a suitable place and rent it to the School. This offer was gladly accepted, the building was erected, and entered upon the second Sunday in August, 1863. With the new building the number of scholars again increased rapidly, and has continued to increase to the present time, and it is a matter of congratulation and devout thankfulness that the attendance is so large (the present average is 200 scholars and 27 teachers and officers), while it is a matter of still deeper gratitude, that from among the elder scholars many have been found to give themselves to the Saviour, and making public profession of their faith in Him to cast in their lot with the people of the Lord.

From the very first, those who carried on the Sunday School work felt that it was desirable to make it as complete a missionary organization as possible, and to accomplish this they commenced at the same time the work of Tract distribution, a Sabbath evening preaching service, and a week evening prayer meeting: this latter was continued regularly for about five years, being conducted a considerable portion of that time by the late Rev. JOHN ROAF. At his illness and death it was not regularly resumed until the beginning of 1867, but the preaching has been continued with greater or less regularity the whole time, the ministers of the Congregational

body in the city, not having a pastoral charge, having usually supplied. In the early part of 1867, providential indications appeared that it was right to take a more formal and decided step in the work than had hitherto been done, and after much thought, conference, and prayer, five members of Zion Church, heads of families residing in the neighbourhood, resolved, at the expiration of the year, to withdraw from that church, and with any others like-minded who might join them, organize themselves into another church of the same faith and order, to be known as the NORTHERN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH : this decision was communicated to the members of Zion Church at their monthly meeting before the first Sabbath in February, 1867. Steps were then taken to secure a suitable site for the erection of a new building, and it was finally decided to purchase two lots adjoining the one on which the School stood ; this was done, and the School building removed a few feet, to the spot it now occupies, early in July the same year, and the memorial stone of the new church was laid, in the presence of a large number of friends, on the 14th August following, by the Rev. ADAM LILLIE, D.D., Principal of the Congregational College of British North America, at Montreal.

Mr. RICHARD THOMAS, who had passed through his probationary course in this College, was invited by those who had the matter in hand to minister to the congregation when the building should be opened for divine worship, until the church should be organized and choose its pastor : this he consented to do, and commenced preaching in the school room on the evening of Lord's Day, 17th November, 1867, and continued to do so until the close of the year.

On the first Sabbath in the year 1868 the first morning service was held, Rev. DR. WICKSON preaching, and on the Wednesday evening following, those who had agreed to join in fellowship met for the organization of the Church. After devotional exercises, the following

solemnly united themselves to form the NORTHERN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. The names are given in the order in which they signed the Church Covenant :—

† ARTHUR WICKSON,
 † R. T. THOMAS,
 G. HAGUE,
 SARAH HAGUE,
 W. W. COPP,
 C. A. COPP,
 C. PAGE,
 H. A. PAGE,
 E. H. PAGE,
 J. C. COPP,
 M. M. H. COPP,
 MARGARET M. COPP,
 * WALTER B. COPP,
 SARAH FRENCH,
 MARY THOMAS,
 THOMAS BAKER,
 MARY JANE BAKER,
 † FRED. C. THOMAS,

† MARGARET THOMAS,
 HENRY PIM,
 J. PIM,
 E. SIMS,
 HENRY JOSELIN,
 E. C. JOSELIN,
 E. J. JOSELIN,
 CARRIE JOSELIN,
 HENRY J. CLARK,
 * HARRIET CLARK,
 † CLARA J. CLARK,
 † MARY ANNE WICKSON,
 J. WIGHTMAN,
 GEO. E. THOMAS,
 J. B. THOMAS,
 A. E. BUELL,
 † FRANCES C. THOMAS.

On the following Lord's Day the building was formally opened for divine worship by the Rev. Dr. WILKES, of Montreal, who preached morning and evening, and after the latter service administered the Lord's Supper to the newly formed church, some members of each of the sister churches in the city breaking bread with them in the fellowship of love. The next evening the opening Soiree took place, and was largely attended, and on Tuesday, the 13th, Mr. THOMAS was ordained to the pastorate of the Church, the following ministers taking part in the services :—

Rev. T. PULLAR,
 " F. H. MARLING,

* Dead.

† Transferred to other churches or withdrawn.

Rev. H. DENNY,
 " W. F. CLARKE,
 " JOHN WOOD,
 " ROBERT HAY,
 " THOMAS BAKER,
 " A. WICKSON, LL.D.,
 " E. T. BROMFIELD.

The opening services were continued for two more Sabbaths, the Rev. W. STEPHENSON, Wesleyan, and the Rev. G. A. Macnutt, Baptist, each taking a service.

Mr. THOMAS continued his pastorate until the fall of the following year (1869), when his health failing, he went for a trip to England ; when there, finding that the climate of England suited him, he resolved to remain, and sent his resignation to the Church. This was accepted, and from November, 1869, until May, 1871, the Church was without a pastor. During this long interval the pulpit was supplied by ministers of various denominations in the city, who cheerfully lent their aid, and by Congregational ministers from a distance. Correspondence was opened with the Colonial Missionary Society of London, with a view to obtaining a pastor from England, but in the meantime the attention of the Church was drawn to the Rev. J. A. R. DICKSON, of London, Ontario, and after hearing him and giving the matter most earnest and prayerful consideration, a hearty invitation was extended to him to accept the pastorate ; this was declined, but the Church again and yet more earnestly pressing the matter, Mr. DICKSON finally accepted, and entered upon his duties in May, 1871, and by the good help of the Lord, has continued to this day.

FAITH AND ORDER.

This Church has adopted for its basis the "Declaration of Faith and Order" put forth by the CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES,* and while not insisting upon an absolute uniformity in the non-essentials of faith, requires that all who are admitted to its communion shall receive and profess the following, which this Church regards as the foundations of our faith :—

I. That through the sin of our first parents all are born into the world depraved and sinful, having that carnal mind which is enmity against God.

II. That God the Father, in his infinite love, sent his well beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who in his own great love to our common race, voluntarily came into the world, suffered and died for us, and by his death made atonement for our sins, the one full, perfect offering for the sins of the world.

III. That by faith in his death—belief in the Lord Jesus Christ—we are saved from the guilt and condemnation of sin, pardoned and justified in the sight of God.

IV. That except a man be born again, by the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God ; that the Spirit quickens into newness of life all who believe, and continually sanctifies them to the end.

V. That there shall be a resurrection both of the just and the unjust, who shall be judged by the Lord Jesus Christ, when the righteous shall be received into everlasting life, and the wicked shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the Glory of his power.

* This is too lengthy to insert in this Manual, but can be seen in the "Congregational Year Book."

ORDER.

This Church is CONGREGATIONAL and INDEPENDENT. It recognizes every company of believers in the Lord Jesus, meeting in one place, as a Church of Christ, and holds that each such Church is free from any external control except that of the Lord Christ, who reigns over his churches continually. It claims freedom from the authority of every earthly power—civil or religious—sovereign, magistrate, bishop, council, synod, presbytery or conference; not seeking to interfere with the rights of any other church or congregation, and guarding its own as a sacred trust from God, yet at all times anxiously desiring and seeking the fellowship of all other churches built upon the same blessed foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ, especially of churches of the same order, with all their officers and members.

ADMISSION TO THE CHURCH

Is either by letter or profession. Those who bring letters of dismission from other churches of the same faith and order,* will present them to the Pastor, or in his absence to one of the Deacons; the letter will be read to the Church at its following meeting, and if no objection appears, the holder will be received into full fellowship, of which he will be informed by the Secretary of the Church.

If by profession, the applicant must see the Pastor upon the occasion of his regular weekly appointment for that purpose, who will, if the profession is in his judgment sincere, lay the name before the Church; if no objection is made, the Visiting Committee will see the applicant during the ensuing month. If the result of the interviews and enquiries is satisfactory, a report in accordance is given at the next Church meeting, and the appli-

* No letter can be received more than six months old unless satisfactory reasons can be given for its non-delivery earlier.

cant received by the vote of the Church. On the following Sabbath, being that on which the Lord's Supper is celebrated, a public profession of faith is made by entering into covenant with the Church, the Pastor addressing the new members as follows : *

"BELOVED FRIENDS,—The Church having heard testimony as to your faith, from myself and brethren in whom they had confidence, have resolved with joy to receive you into their fellowship.

But that you may rightly appreciate the privileges and obey the responsibilities of the solemn relations into which you are about to enter, it is expedient that it be made known to you on what foundation this Church rests.

The foundation of the Church was a mutual covenant on the part of its members with one another, and with the Pastor, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ;

• To continue in that Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ wherein we stand, and to maintain habits of daily watchfulness, prayer, and reading of the Word of God ;

To pray for a blessing on the Word, as preached and taught in this place ;

To love one another fervently, to care for each other's welfare, and to guard each other's good name ;

To sympathise with one another, in sorrow and in joy, and to care for the sick and poor amongst us ;

To do service in the Church as opportunity may be found, and to contribute of our substance for its maintenance ;

To hold up the hands of the Pastor by a diligent attendance on ordinances, and to do what in us lies to promote the peace and purity of the Church ;

To honour the Lord in our families ;

To cultivate loving affection to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity ; and to labour for the pro-

* This is an abridged form of the Covenant in the Church Book, and signed by Members.

motion of his Kingdom in the City, in the Land,
and throughout the World ;

“ You have heard, dear brethren, the covenants and obligations devolving upon you : in your own strength it is impossible to fulfil these, but in humble dependence on Christ and by the aid of the Holy Spirit, grace sufficient for your day will be given you, and you shall be saved unto the end, even unto everlasting life.

“ Do you consent to these covenants, are you willing to take upon you the yoke of Christ, to labour for him, to spend and be spent in his service while life shall last ? You will signify your assent by rising.

(The Candidates will rise.)

“ And now, on behalf of this Church, I heartily welcome you into our fellowship ; may the union of to-night be blessed alike to you and to us, and may its results stretch far away into the glories of a heavenly eternity. Will the members rise to signify their assent to the Covenants with these now admitted.

(The Members will rise.)

“ And now to each of you, in the name of the Church, I give the right hand of fellowship.

(The Pastor shall give the right hand of fellowship to each candidate while the Church remains standing.)

“ And now, beloved, you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God ;

“ And we, standing in the presence of God, do all welcome you with joy ;

“ All the covenants we have entered into with one another, we extend to you ;

“ We will love you—we will care for you, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, in wealth and in poverty—we will pray for you, work with you, and if need be, warn and admonish you. You and we

shall henceforth be *one* in Jesus Christ, and together we will show forth his death until he come."

Prayer for the members just received.

(Hymn.)

After which the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.

This is purely voluntary. There are no pew rents, nor any special sum demanded in any shape. For convenience and order, parties worshipping in the church have sittings or a pew allotted to them as they may desire. The amount they will give for the support of the work is left to themselves, but as it is necessary that the Deacons should know as nearly as may be the amount they may expect week by week, contributors are expected to intimate the sum they propose giving weekly. They are furnished with envelopes numbered, in which the amount is to be enclosed and put into the collecting plate every Lord's day. It is believed that this plan combines New Testament simplicity with regularity and order: it imposes a tax on no one, makes no demand that the poorest is not able to meet, and enables those whom the Lord hath blessed to give out of a full heart into the treasury of his house.

WORSHIP.

The worship is of the usual Congregational character. The Psalmody of the Church throughout is such that the congregation can take an audible, active part in that portion of the exercises. "The service of song" is the privilege of all, and those who are silent when the praises of the congregation rise to heaven, not only neglect a duty, but miss a joy and a blessing.

The Hymn Book used in the service is what is known as "The Leeds Hymn Book." Strangers will always be furnished with books.

ORDINANCES.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is observed by the Church on the first Sabbath Evening in each month. Members of other Evangelical Churches who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to remember his death, are always welcome to participate.

BAPTISM.—This Church holds that the children of those who believe should be baptized; the ordinance is administered by the Pastor, in the Church on the Lord's Day, at the Week Evening Service, or at the residence of the parents, as may be convenient to them.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Pastor is in the Vestry, generally one day every week, to meet with any who are desirous of religious conversation or who wish to join the Church. The exact time is announced from the pulpit on the Lord's Day.

In case of sickness, it is requested that the Pastor be informed as early as possible. It is his desire to visit all such cases, and therefore desires that information be at once given to him.

Visitors will always be welcomed. A seat and a hymn book furnished to all.

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